

Leicester,
May 22/61.

Dear Mr. McKim,

70 I hardly know what to do about sending to Phillips your message as to materials for "John Brown"; - for I do not believe the English publication, if we get it, is to be a substitute for a new American life of him, which I trust will be written some day. - Still, I think I will send you Webb's note to me on the subject, that you may see, for yourself, just what he proposes to do; - and it may lead you to send him something of use & value. I wish you would. If you see Mr. Furness, you might let him see Webb's letter.

I have not a moment now to reply to your project about a fusion of the St. with the Lib.

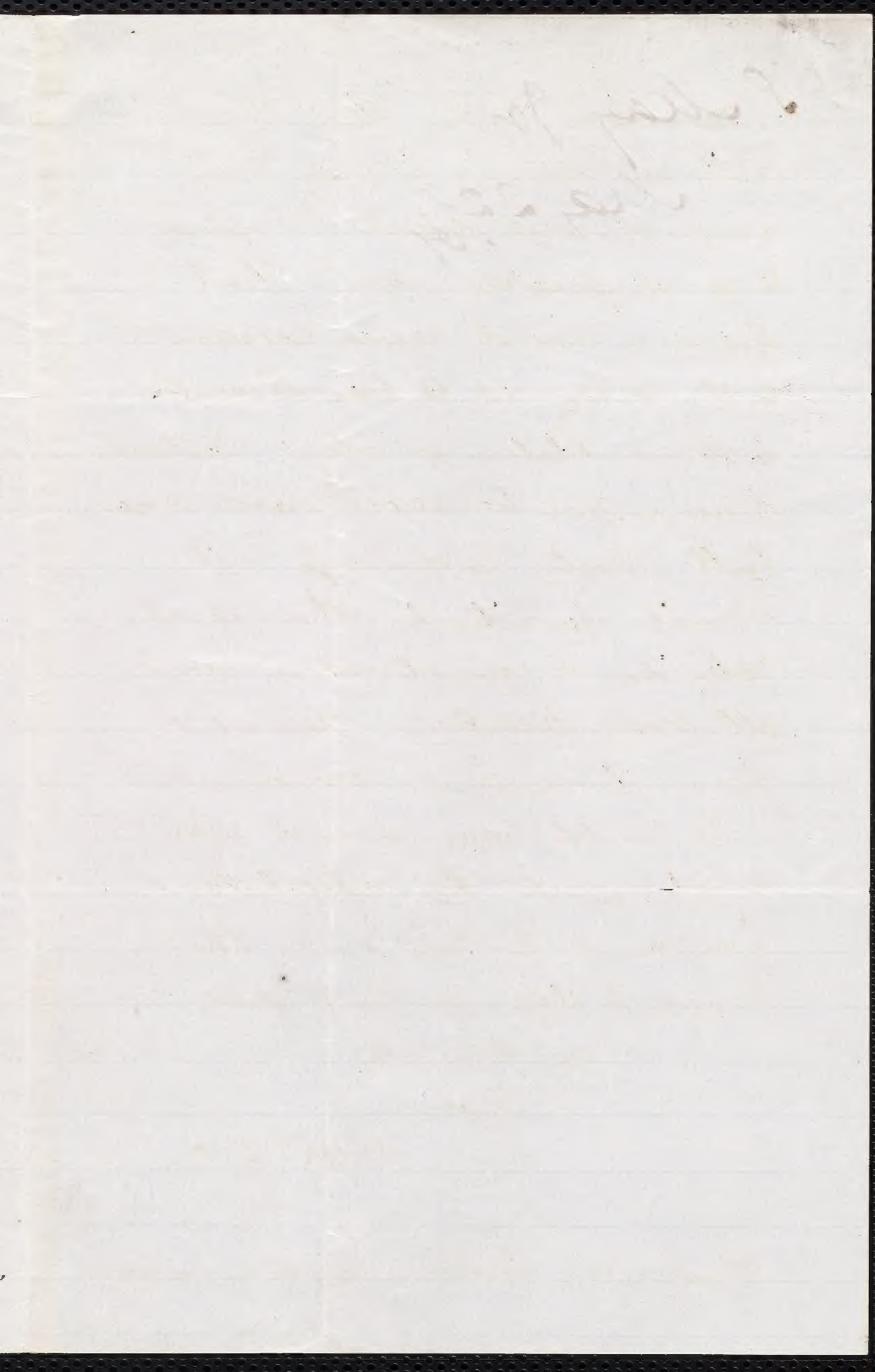
- More than to say that there
exists one barrier to any such
arrangement, which I suppose
to be insuperable, - vizt. that
Garrison would never consent
to it, so long as he has strength
to be an Editor at all. Control
of his paper he must have, and
full liberty to discuss all
moral, spiritual, theological,
religious, &c. questions - and
all other besides - just as he
deems it needful & important.
- He would never feel it right
to relinquish this absolute
freedom of the Lib. - But
I must stop, for the present,

Very sincerely

Yours

Saml May Jr

Please return Webb's note, at yf. convenience.



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